

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FUTSCHER, Heinz et al.

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Examiner: Afzali, S.

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For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING COATED EXPANDED METALS
AND USE OF SUCH METALS AS CURRENT COLLECTORS IN
ELECTROCHEMICAL COMPONENTS

Conf. No. 8653

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the official action mailed June 1, 2009, comprising a requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372, applicant hereby elects for further prosecution the invention indentified as Group I, namely method claims 1-7 and 12-17, drawn to a process for manufacturing expanded metal provided with a coating.

This election is made without traverse. Claims 8-11 presumably will be withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as nonelected. Dependent claims 8-11 are product-by-process claims, and remain pending to be rejoined upon allowance of a base product claim.

Applicant hereby amends claims 12-17 to more particularly and distinctly define the steps of manufacturing the current collectors and the electrochemical cells, such as lithium batteries, that incorporate the same.

The claims as amended number 17 total and three independent, which is within the number for which official fees have already been paid. No fee is required.

No new matter is presented.

Applicant requests entry of this amendment, examination of the elected claims as now amended, and rejoinder and examination of the nonelected claims upon allowance of an elected base claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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